

Alan G. Harper
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Dallas, Texas



Alan G. Harper has served as Chief Executive Officer of the Veterans Affairs North Texas Health Care System (VANTHCS) since December 1996. In this role, he is responsible for a staff of over 3,000 employees at VA medical facilities in Dallas, Bonham, and Fort Worth that serve a veteran population of approximately 500,000 throughout 38 counties in north Texas and two counties in southern Oklahoma.

Mr. Harper served as Director of Dallas VA Medical Center from January 1991 to December 1996. Before coming to Dallas, he served as Director of the VA Medical Center, Dayton, Ohio; Associate Director of the VA Medical Center, Gainesville, Florida; and Assistant Director at the VA Medical Centers in Bath, New York, and Montrose, New York. He began his career with the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1969 as a Pharmacy Resident at the VA Medical Center, Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. Harper holds a B.S. degree in Pharmacy from the University of Oklahoma, an M.S. in Pharmacy from the University of Tennessee and an M.S. in Health Care Administration from Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas. He is a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives, and a member of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. As a result of his leadership, Mr. Harper has received numerous awards including the Presidential Meritorious Rank Award (1999), Presidential Meritorious Executive Award (1989), Presidential Distinguished Executive Award (1992), Association of Military Surgeons of the United States Ray E. Brown Award (1993), Under Secretary for Health's EEO Official of the Year Award (1993), Dallas/Fort Worth Federal Executive Board Outstanding Top Executive Award (1994), Greater Dallas Veterans Council's "Honoree of the Year Award" (1995), and VFW Outstanding VA Health Care Employee Award for 2002-2003. Through his leadership, VANTHCS secured \$154 million in funding for an Energy Center, Spinal Cord Injury Center and Clinical Addition at the Dallas campus. VANTHCS has also become nationally recognized for its strides in the areas of revenue generation, improvement of access to health care for veterans and customer service.

Mr. Harper is an avid sports enthusiast.